

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Nettie Buechle was born on March 7, 1913, to Edward and Clara Buechle in Burge, Nebraska, and later moved to South Dakota, and we are richer because Nettie now lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Nettie married Robert W. Steckman on January 1, 1933, at Lakewood, South Dakota, and to that union seven children were born and raised with few of the conveniences we take for granted today; and,

Whereas, Nettie and Robert moved their family to Hulett, Wyoming, where Nettie began her second career after her youngest child was in school. Nettie worked at the Hulett Post Office where she was appointed Postmaster in the early 1970s and retired in October 1978, after which she moved to Hermosa, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Nettie spends weekdays at the senior center for lunch and a game of cards, rarely misses a worship service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church where she is a member, continues to live independently, and enjoys writing letters and reading; and,

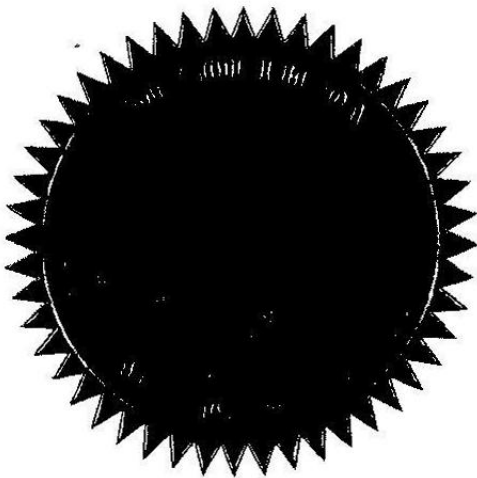
Whereas, Nettie will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2003, as

NETTIE STECKMAN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State